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Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Office Action dated March 18, 2002, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are requested; the period for response having been extended up to and including May 20, 2002, by submission of the requisite petition and fee, attached.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend the claims as follows:

Cancel claims 1-32, without prejudice.

Add the following claims:

--33. (new) A primer for introducing mutations into the CDR3-coding sequence of an antibody heavy chain gene, said primer comprising a degenerate sequence of nucleotides for hypermutation of a portion of said CDR3 sequence, flanked by a sequence capable of hybridising to a nucleotide sequence flanking said portion of said CDR3 sequence.

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